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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVE HANDBAG DEVICE

REF: (A) RSO, CANBERRA MEMO OF 12/02/77 (B) 77 STATE
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1. EVERY POSSIBLE AGENCY HAS BEEN CONTACTED ON YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SUBJECT PURSE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIS ITEM IS DEFINITELY NOT "OPENLY MARKETED IN THE UNITED STATES", AS LETTER TO RSO, CANBERRA INDICATES. IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE MANUFACTURED ON A SMALL SCALE BY AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS SO FAR ESCAPED DETECTION BY AGENCIES CONCERNED. INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE IF ITEM IS, IN WHOLE OR PART, OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURE.

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2. THERE IS NO RECORDED MIS-USE OF ITEM, EITHER AS AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, (IED) OR AS A CHEMICAL DISPENSER.

3. THE POTENTIAL FOR SUBJECT PURSE TO BE USED AS AN IED CANNOT BE DETERMINED, AS QUANTITY, DISPOSITION AND LOCATION, (EXCEPT FOR ISRAEL), ARE UNKNOWN.

4. THE FEASIBILITY OF TERRORISTS OR CRIMINALS USING
SUCH A DEVICE TO DETONATE EXPLOSIVES IS UNLIMITED.

5. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS ITEM THAT COMES
TO OUR ATTENTION WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU. CHRISTOPHER

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